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SULFUR DIOXIDE CONTENT OF MOUNT ST. HELENS' ASH
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Surprisingly large amounts of sulfur dioxide evolve from rapidly heated samples of Mt. St. Helens' ash. The sulfur dioxide has been detected and quantified using rapid heating-gas chromatography-mass spectrometry. Ash samples from the May 18, 1980, eruption collected at Moses Lake, Missoula, and Helena produced average quantities of sulfur dioxide corresponding to 215, 590, and 1250 ppm, respectively. Similarly, as the distance of the collection point from Mount St. Helens increases, the ratio of new magmatic ash to old mountain material increases. This suggests that the SO_2 is derived primarily from new magmatic material. Experiments indicate that the sulfur dioxide is not due to sulfate species scavenged from the eruption plume or to sulfur gases adsorbed on the ash. Other possible sources include reduction of sulfate salts within the ash, bubbles of SO_2 trapped within the ash, or sulfur blebs entrained in the ash. Approximately as much sulfur dioxide or sulfur dioxide precursors are associated with the ash as Mount St. Helens injected into the stratosphere. (Volcanic ash, ash composition).
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8699 Volcanology (Calderas)
PERALKALINE ASH-FLOW TUFFS AND CALDERAS OF THE MCDERMITT VOLCANIC FIELD, SOUTHEAST OREGON AND NORTH-CENTRAL NEVADA
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The McDermitt volcanic field covers an area of 20,000 km^2 in southeastern Oregon and northwestern Nevada and consists of seven large volume ash-flow sheets which vented from 16.1 to 15 Ma ago. The volcanic field is characterized by peralkaline, high-silica rhyolite, and all but one of the sheets are comendites. The ash-flow field overlies a 1.5-km-thick section of Steens volcanic series and Steens Basalt, indicating a minimum age of 16.1 Ma for the Steens Basalt. The Oravada rift, a 200-km-long NNW-striking structure, developed just prior to eruption of the salic lavas. Each ash-flow sheet resulted in the formation of a large collapse caldera along the Oravada rift. The center of the volcanic field is dominated by four overlapping and nested calderas; satellitic to these are three additional calderas. The areas adjacent to the incipient calderas subsided during ash-flow eruption. Thickening of the ash-flow sheets, monoclinal warping outside the caldera ring fault, and tilting in toward the caldera of blocks bounded by curvilinear faults all indicate regional subsidence prior to caldera collapse. The McDermitt caldera complex is highly mineralized; it contains ore deposits of Hg, Sb, Cu, Li, and U. The peralkaline tuffs have high contents of these elements and were the source rocks from which metals were leached by hydrothermal systems developed during the last stage of caldera-related volcanism. (Calderas, ash-flow tuffs)
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8699 Volcanology Topics (Calderas)
EVOLUTION OF THE EARLY OLIGOCENE BONANZA CALDERA, NORTHEAST SAN JUAN VOLCANIC FIELD, COLORADO
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The 33 Ma-old Bonanza caldera developed within a slightly older sequence of intermediate-composition volcanics (Rawley Andesite), equivalent to the Conejos Formation of the greater San Juan volcanic field. Vent-facies lava flows, monolithic breccias and numerous intrusions dominate the early sequence within and near the caldera. Distal lava flows and abundant lahars of Rawley Andesite dip radially outward, suggesting that the Bonanza caldera formed near the summit of a large composite volcano. The caldera collapsed in a trapdoor fashion when 650 km^3 of dacite and rhyolite ignimbrites of the Bonanza Tuff erupted from a major vent area near the NNW caldera margin. Listric normal faulting along a western ring fault system dropped basal ignimbrites down to the east with a maximum displacement of nearly 1 km. NW-trending basement structures may have influenced the orientation of the ring fault system. Andesite and dacite lava flows overlie the Bonanza Tuff, marking a return to effusive volcanism following explosive eruptions. Slightly younger silicic stocks and endogenous rhyolite domes were emplaced along the caldera margins and were cut by ring fracture faults, suggesting a protracted history of caldera collapse. Rawley Andesite, lower Bonanza Tuff and late lava flows are chemically similar high-K andesites and dacites. Initial Sr 87/86 ratios (0.70529–0.70688) of the intermediate suite preclude major assimilation of radiogenic Precambrian upper crust. The compositional homogeneity of these rocks and the absence of Plinian airfall components in the ignimbrites suggest that subvolcanic magma chambers at Bonanza did not become strongly compositionally zoned. Rhyolite ignimbrites of the upper Bonanza Tuff (initial Sr (87/86) = 0.70850) may be contemporaneous with late, silicic stocks, rather than with the volcano-building andesitic suite. The Bonanza caldera appears to be closely related to two Oligocene calderas to the north (Mt. Aetna and Grizzly Peak), which share a common position along the western edge of the northern Rio Grande rift system. Early Oligocene silicic magmatism and caldera formation along this trend may mark the initial phases of rift evolution, perhaps heralding a change to a tensional stress regime prior to physiographic development of the rift valley. (Calderas, structure, geochronology, Colorado).
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8699 Volcanology (Calderas)
LOCATION AND CONFIGURATION OF MAGMA BODIES BENEATH LONG VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINED FROM ANOMALOUS EARTHQUAKE SIGNALS
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Recordings of 201 small earthquakes which occurred recently near the southern edge of Long Valley caldera at depths from 1 to 15 km are used to map the subsurface geometry of shear-wave attenuating bodies in the caldera. Signatures of these events recorded northwest, north, northeast, and east of Long Valley with ray paths through the caldera are often anomalous in that S-wave arrivals have very low amplitudes, and high frequency P- and S-wave energy is missing for the same station-event combinations. The volcanic and geothermal history of the region suggests that ray paths for these anomalous signals have passed through magma which absorbed much of the S-wave energy and also attenuated the higher frequencies. With over 1200 normal and anomalous ray paths through the caldera we have located two massive magma bodies in the central and northwest caldera as well as two apparently dispersed magma areas in the southern caldera and beneath Crowley Lake. The central magma body extends from 4.5 to at least 11 km beneath the surface and the northwest body is as shallow as 5.5 km. These two magma bodies are probably connected below about 8 km. Secondary arrivals seen on select seismograms are tentatively interpreted as reverberations inside the central magma chamber and are consistent with the interpreted lateral extent of the magma. The northwest and central magma bodies lie beneath the northwest and southeast corners of the caldera's resurgent dome and probably connect beneath the dome's center. Also the shallower parts of these magma bodies and the southern anomalous area lie beneath the surface expression of the medial graben faults suggesting that structural features seen at the surface of the valley may be related to magma location at depth.
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8699 Volcanology topics
CALDERA VOLCANOES OF THE TAUPO VOLCANIC ZONE, NEW ZEALAND.
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The Taupo Volcanic Zone (TVZ) has been active since 2Ma and has erupted $>10^4$ km^3 of dominantly rhyolitic magma during the last 1 million years. Most of this volcanism is concentrated in a 125 x 60km area forming the central TVZ and is expressed largely as six major caldera volcanoes, Rotorua, Okataina, Kapenga, Mangakino, Maroa and Taupo, marked by localised collapse of the underlying basement and clustering of inferred vent sites. These centres have activity spans from 150 to 600ka and have each erupted at least 300 to 1000km^3 of magma. All centres except Rotorua are known or inferred to have had complex histories of multiple caldera collapse, which have occurred alongside general basement collapse within TVZ accompanying regional extension. Deep seated NE-trending basement lineations and/or faults have influenced vent sites at Okataina, Maroa and Taupo. Welded ignimbrites are prominent in the pre-140ka record; their absence since then is attributed to the effects of surface water on eruption styles, rather than to a change in eruptive behaviour. Volcanic products from the centres has been overwhelmingly rhyolitic (SiO_2 69-77 wt.%) with minor high-Al basalt and dacite, and traces of andesite, mostly as lithic fragments in ignimbrites. [illegible] Okataina and Mangakino, [illegible] insignificant in volume, the basalt is important [illegible] in mixing relationships with the rhyolite (at one extreme generating the dacites) and occasionally as a trigger for the rhyolitic eruptions. The current average rhyolite magma eruption rate from the central TVZ is $c.0.27m^3s^{-1}$, equally divided between Okataina and Taupo, a figure close to the long term average for the last 1.1Ma. However, geothermal heat flow data imply that a further $1.4-1.8m^3s^{-1}$ of magma may be intruded within the crust. The ratio of inferred intruded material to erupted material is highest at centres where lava extrusions are volumetrically significant (Okataina, Maroa) and this is correlated with lower phenocryst equilibration temperatures in the eruptives. Evidence for resurgent doming and long-term ($>10^5$ years) magma cycles documented at similarly sized rhyolitic calderas in the western USA is absent from the TVZ centres; this is attributed to the youthful faulted crust of the region preventing the formation of sufficiently large high-level magma chambers. In overall terms, the central TVZ is comparable in size and longevity to the Yellowstone system, but its individual eruptions have very much shorter recurrence intervals and smaller volumes. (Calderas, New Zealand, Quaternary volcanism).
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8699 Volcanology topics
TERTIARY ISHIZUCHI CAULDRON, SOUTHWESTERN JAPAN ARC: FORMATION BY RING-FRACTURE SUBSIDENCE
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The Tertiary Ishizuchi cauldron, in the Setouchi volcanic belt of Miocene age in southwestern Japan, is 7–8 km in diameter and includes outer and inner ring fractures, inward-dipping welded tuffs, central plutons, and ring-fault complexes. Andesitic and dacitic welded tuffs within the central subsided block demonstrate repeated explosive activity during evolution of the cauldron. Inward dips of ring fractures surrounding the cauldron indicate that the bounding faults have the form of an upward-expanding cone. The cone shape is substantiated by peripheral upturning of intracaldera welded tuffs [illegible] against the encircling ring-faults. Ring-fault complexes consist of rhyolitic to andesitic breccias, dikes, as well as intrusive tuffs and volcanic [illegible] which some of the adjacent pyroclastic [illegible] deposits were probably erupted. Central plutons of porphyritic granodiorite and fine-grained adamellite were intruded about 14 Ma ago, have walls dipping outward and flat roofs, and may have formed [illegible] upward tabular bodies which pass downward into ring dikes and upward into resurgent domes. The fracture pattern from ring-like normal faults to cone-upward fracture implies the rotation of the maximum stress axis from vertical to horizontal during release of pressure from the magma chamber. Many Valles-type calderas [illegible] Ishizuchi cauldron are located in the area where the direction of the maximum horizontal compression [illegible] regional origin is parallel to arc structure [illegible] middle Miocene, southwestern Japan arc [illegible] collapse; resurgent cauldron; magma chamber; [illegible] field regional).
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News

Dechlorination

Dechlorination is a waste water treatment process used by water treatment plants and power plants as a measure to meet ". . .increasingly stringent discharge limitations." (*Environ. Sci. Technol., 18*, 48A-55A, 1984). Chlorination is used to kill bacteria and to reduce algae in waste water, but chlorine-rich waters discharged from the treatment and power plants can kill fish and wildlife as well. Damages to the marine ecosystem as the result of chlorination were focused upon in a series of studies 2 years ago (*Environ. Sci. Technol., 16*, 15A-18A, 1982). Now, as was pointed out by geochemists G. R. Helz and L. Kosak-Channing of the University of Maryland, ". . .questions remain about the environmental effects of the general use of dechlorination." (*Environ. Sci. Technol., 18*, 48A-55A, 1984). If the dechlorination steps are not thorough, toxic effects of a lower but still serious level may ensue.

Helz and Kosak-Channing note that dechlorination is being carried out at a dozen facilities in California and at about 50 waste water treatment plants in Maryland. Dechlorinating agents employed include activated graphite, hydrogen peroxide, sodium thiosulfate, and several SO_2-yielding compounds. They note that better control of SO_2 application is needed. The effectiveness of the process as well as evaluation of sublethal effects can be determined only by better analytical methods than are now being used.

It will be important to study the effects of the continuous release of S(IV) compounds downstream. The manner by which trace metals are compounded and their persistence needs to be evaluated. Unfortunately, it is the more subtle long-term effects on natural waters that cannot be known in advance that could be most pervasive.—*PMB*

Lunar Core: Occam's Razor?

Whether or not the earth's moon has a core is a much bandied question. Like many notions about the properties of the moon, ideas of a lunar core changed drastically after the Apollo studies. A review of the development of these ideas was given a scholarly treatment by S. K. Runcorn recently (*Nature, 304*, 589–596, 1983). In contrast, L. L. Hood, C. P. Sonett, and L. J. Srnka have questioned the concept in serious detail (*Nature, 307*, 661–662, 1984).

Whether or not the moon actually has or has had a fluid metallic core is of great consequence for a number of geophysical theories about the solar system. Most investigators concede that the possible existence of a lunar core remains one of the major unanswered, and yet most critical, questions about the moon. A lot rides on the answer: Can a lunar-sized body have a core? Is the core metallic? How is the core related to lunar magnetism and its paleomagnetism? Is or was a lunar core related to lunar volcanism? If the moon can have a core, is planetary core formation in the solar system a simple matter of gravitationally segregating metallic fragments that were formed elsewhere? Implications of the questions are without limit. There is, perhaps, no more valid issue about the moon to explore scientifically.

The question of a lunar core is associated with a number of subtly perplexing phenomena. Note that the moon has no "normal" dipole field. The most sensitive instruments ever assembled detected no field and no minor components. The moon has small central pressures (approximately 50 x 10^8 Pa), and thus would probably not have formed a core: the pressure-temperature regime would be unique if it did. This picture prevailed until actual measurements were made by Apollo astronauts on the moon's surface and by Apollo scientists on returned lunar samples. Lunar surface rocks have strong remnant and residual magnetic components, the orientations of which carry no evidence of the source of their magnetism. But, the rocks must have seen a strong magnetic field, their magnetic orientation otherwise would have been destroyed by the effects of meteorite bombardment of the moon's surface.

As the data on lunar rocks improved, a number of new theories rose and fell in popular support. The explanations range widely. The moon could, for example, have been exposed in its early history to a strong intergalactic magnetic field. Magnetic effects could have been induced in lunar surface rocks somehow as the result of shock waves caused by meteorite impact. One idea that had to be tested was that lunar samples may have been magnetized, in part, by fields present in the Apollo spacecrafts on their return to earth. The tests actually involved carrying magnetically stripped lunar samples back to the moon.

An obvious line of reasoning to explain the observed magnetism of the lunar crust that would be consistent with the present-day absence of a lunar magnetic field, was to postulate the existence of an ancient core dynamo. It was thought that geophysical measurements should be able to establish whether or not a fossil-cooled lunar metallic core sufficient to have produced the field exists. Seismic data presumably would have been sufficient. Unfortunately, the lunar seismometer had to be turned off, prematurely some believe, because of funding cutbacks in the Apollo program. Since then, assembled geophysical data, seismic, gravity, electrical field, heat flow, and other types, seem to indicate the possible existence of a 1000-km-diameter solid metallic core. The data do not require the existence of a core, but a core model would not be in violation of the evidence.

The answer to the lunar core question is not at hand, although an immense gain in the understanding of planetary magnetism has been made. Runcorn's review supports the core theory. Hood et al. challenge the theory on reasonable grounds. Runcorn, then, resorted to a more philosophical approach: "That Hood et al. consider my account as 'somewhat misleading' can only mean that *they do not appreciate that even though each* line of evidence is not conclusive the fact that all point to the existence of a lunar core lends much greater weight to the hypothesis than any one line could." To support this principal of reasoning Runcorn calls upon "Occam's Razor" as a model. Students of 14th century philosophy will also recall, however, that William of Occam was a skeptic, having been accused of heresy by the Chancellor of Oxford in 1323!

There are a number of scientifically sound reasons for returning to the moon. Perhaps when geophysical apparatus is again installed on the lunar surface enough will be known about the Apollo samples, galactic fields, impact/shock induced magnetic-electrical field phenomena, lunar magnetic anomalies, planetary dynamics, and core-dynamic theory to provide the basis for critical measurements to answer the lunar core question.—*PMB*

Editorial

AGU Committees: An Opportunity to Serve

Responsibility for the administration of AGU lies with its Council, and the Council depends heavily on advice from its committees. AGU committees bear heavy responsibilities and have significant stature in the Union. Every committee chairman is invited to participate actively in Council meetings and to take part in a biennial planning session. Few items come before the Council without first having been studied thoroughly by one or more committees; those that don't come to the Council from a committee usually fail or are remanded for future study.

Service on a committee is one of the best ways that AGU members can become involved in the activities of AGU and help shape its future. All committees expire at the end of the President's 2-year term. While some committee members will be reappointed in the interest of preserving continuity and experience, many new members will be appointed to bring in new blood and new ideas. As incoming President I have the responsibility for putting together the rosters for AGU committees over the next few months. To do this properly, I need your help.

If you wish to serve the Union as a committee member, or if you wish to nominate someone to serve, please write to me at AGU Headquarters. Please indicate which of the committees listed below relates to your interest or your nomination and what special thoughts you or your nominee might bring to the committee. I look forward to serving the Union with many of you and to recommending to my successor that careful consideration be given to those whose interest cannot be accommodated at this time. AGU is its membership and depends upon its membership for its future; please let me hear from you now if you would like to help shape this future.

Charles L. Drake
President-Elect

Committee Responsibilities

Committee on Budget and Finance

Responsible for development of the annual budget, monitoring performance against the established budget, and reviewing developments that affect the financial health of the Union, as well as making recommendations on investment policy.

Committee on International Participation

Develops AGU policy on Union participation in international organizations and concerns itself with the interest of non-U.S. members in AGU.

Publications Committee

Has oversight of the entire publications program of AGU. Operating under the Publications Committee are the following Boards:

Books Board: Critically reviews the entire books program and coordinates the activities of the various series boards, which are the Antarctic Research Series Board, the Geophysical Monograph Board, and the Water Resources Monograph Board. The series boards are charged specifically with soliciting and developing manuscripts for books and with the critical review of submitted materials.

Journals Board: Responsible for continuing review of the journals program, including all of the regularly issued serial publications of the Union. Under their purview come timeliness of publication, the need and ability to respond to innovations in information dissemination and opportunities for expanding and improving the journals program.

Translations Board: Reviews proposals for translation and publication of foreign language books and journals, and retains oversight of the ongoing journal translation program.

Committee on Statutes and Bylaws

Assures that the statutes and bylaws of the Union are up-to-date and responsive to the needs of the membership.

Meetings Committee

Maintains a continuing review of AGU's entire meetings program and recommends policies related to meetings as well as new programs.

Committee of Fellows

Elects new Fellows and, through its various subcommittees, recommends medalists and awardees. All members of the Committee of Fellows must be Fellows of the Union. Customarily, but not always, one member represents each Section. Under the Committee of Fellows there are the following subcommittees, each of which is chaired by a member of the Committee of Fellows: Bowie Medal, Bucher Medal, Ewing Medal, Fleming Medal, Horton Medal, Macelwane Award, and External Awards. Members of the subcommittees need not be Fellows of the Union.

Membership Committee

This Committee is in a state of reorganization. It will possibly be divided into a long-range planning committee and a membership committee primarily concerned with the recruitment and retention of members.

Council Committee on Financial Resources

A fund-raising committee intended to provide leadership and policy direction. Operating under the Council Committee is a steering committee which is implementing the GIFT fund drive, and under the steering committee is a subcommittee on corporate supporting membership.

Nominations Committee

Proposes candidates for Union office.

Committee on Education and Human Resources

Concerned with attracting good students into geophysics, and educational and employment opportunities.

Public Affairs Committee

Charged with providing effective mechanisms by which members of AGU can contribute their expertise to the solution of societal problems relating to geophysics. There are two subcommittees: (1) Government and Legislative Affairs, which serves as the Selection Committee for the AGU Congressional Fellow and assists the Public Affairs Committee by reviewing and developing any programs referred to it; and (2) Public Information, which supports press relations activities.

Audit and Legal Affairs Committee

This committee of Council members has responsibility for interface with the external auditors and legal counsel of the Union.

Tellers Committee

Reviews election procedures and certifies the ballot counting (should be a Washington-based committee).

Scientific and Topical Committees

Atmospheric and Space Electricity; History of Geophysics; Mineral Physics

Each of those committees deals with the specific area described; each attempts to develop its interest within AGU, to serve members through meetings and publications, and to develop appropriate external contacts.

Representatives

The Union appoints representatives to serve on a number of national committees or in connection with various other societies. Currently active are relationships with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the PAIGH Commission of Geophysics, the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation, the U.S. National Committee on Rock Mechanics, and the U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Radio Science.

U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics

Every 2 years the President of AGU nominates eight persons for membership on the USNC/IUGG; of these, five are selected for service by the President of the National Academy of Science.

In Congress

Upcoming Hearings

The following hearings and markups have been tentatively scheduled for the coming weeks by the Senate and House of Representatives. Dates and times should be verified with the committee or subcommittee holding the hearing or markup. All offices on Capitol Hill may be reached by telephoning 202-224-3121.

April 4: National Science Foundation authorization hearing by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. Dirksen Building, Room SD-430, 10 A.M.

April 10: Markup of H.R. 4589 by the Oceanography Subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee to ensure that the **Coastal Zone Management** Act (P.L. 94–370) is consistent with state management plans. Longworth Building, Room 1324, 10 A.M. —*BTR*

New Marine Community

While exploring the West Florida Escarpment, a steep slope in the Gulf of Mexico several hundred kilometers off the Florida coast, the deep submergence research vessel *Alvin* chanced upon a well-developed community of marine life akin to that found 7 years ago in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

According to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, which operates the submersible and its new tender, the *Atlantis II* (*Eos*, November 1, 1983, p. 619), the marine community contains large clams, mussels, crabs, fish, and tube worms like those found at hydrothermal vents in the eastern Pacific. While the east Pacific communities exist at spreading centers, the newly discovered group, which may stretch for almost 2 km at a depth of roughly 3200 km, lies in a passive continental margin. Also, whereas the water around the Pacific hydrothermal vents is much warmer than the surrounding seawater, the water around the new found community is apparently the same temperature as the ambient waters.

The Pacific communities are now known to survive using a life-support system called chemosynthesis that is driven by the geothermal activity at the spreading centers. The driving mechanism for the life-support system for the Gulf of Mexico population is not yet known. Specimens from the Gulf community have been collected for study. Scientists will seek to determine if the Gulf species are the same as those found in the Pacific or if they are new species. The researchers will also try to discern if hydrogen sulfide, which supports the Pacific community, also supports the new group.

The Oceanography Report

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The Oceanographic Report
The focal point for physical, chemical, geological, and biological oceanographers.

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NOAA's Service to Research

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I want to discuss two of the major areas of effort in which NOAA is engaged—service and science. There is a third area, management, where we have responsibilities for managing fisheries, marine and estuarine sanctuaries, and so on. But that is not the focus of my remarks today. I want instead to concentrate on NOAA's primary responsibility, service, and on some areas of NOAA research that underpin our service functions.

All scientists know the difficulty of keeping abreast of developments in our own disciplines. But beyond that, there is always the intriguing possibility that we can draw new ideas, methods, or technologies from other disciplines, and apply them to our own research. When we see what other kinds of research are being pursued—what the links might be with our own work—we can sometimes solve problems larger, and often more vital, than those we were initially addressing.

This type of linkage is particularly important to NOAA because of our responsibility to provide service involving the ocean, the atmosphere, and even space. (We have the responsibility of monitoring solar flares as well as operating remote sensing satellites.)

The architects of our agency must have recognized that the understanding of the ocean, its resources, and its interactions with mankind lay in better understanding of oceanography, meteorology, marine biology, economics, and human behavior—and of the linkages among all of them.

Service

Among our services to the ocean community, we are proud of those offered by the National Geophysical Data Center in Boulder, Colorado. It has a couple of groups that you should find helpful—one for geology and geophysics, and another — under contract with the University of Colorado — for glaciology. They are looking toward some interesting new projects.

One of the projects stems from President Reagan's March 10, 1983 proclamation of a U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). It established U.S. jurisdiction over all resources in and below the oceans out to the 200-mile limit previously established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and opened up great possibilities—ultimately for economic development and more immediately for scientific exploration.

NOAA and the U.S. Geological Survey are jointly planning a cooperative survey of appropriate areas in the EEZ using the Seabeam system on the NOAA ship *Surveyor*, and perhaps another ship, to come up with the necessary maps. This is truly an interagency and interdisciplinary effort, designed to take full advantage of the possibilities opened up by the President's proclamation. In addition, NOAA will focus on the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of those parts of the oceans. (I should add also that we have two excellent seagoing systems for high-resolution, multibeam swath surveys, and we are working closely with USGS and other interested parties in planning joint use of both of them.)

The Seabeam system is a deep water system. It is used in water depths greater than 100 m, with swath widths of 0.8 times the water depth.

In addition, we have a Bathymetric Sonar Survey System—BSS. It is on the NOAA ship *Davidson* and is used in shallower waters (depths of about 10 to 600 m), with a swath width of 2.5 times the water depth. To the best of my knowledge, the BSS system is unique.

Scientists from our National Ocean Service are working with USGS scientists to plan multibeam swath surveys of appropriate areas of the EEZ, sharing the funding and cooperating in data processing and devising formats for the data. And their colleagues from our National Geophysical Data Center are also working with the USGS on an implementation plan for distributing the bathymetric information obtained from these cruises.

Of course, we also operate the National Oceanographic Data Center. I know most of you are familiar with it. If you are not well acquainted with its products and services, you'll find an exhibit and some helpful people here at this meeting.

Among NOAA's most important service responsibilities in the oceans are those providing for safe and efficient coast and marine operations. In addition to the many routine services that we offer — nautical charts, tide tables, and the like — we are working toward some new and very unusual products. They'll blend advanced technology and management techniques with traditional data presentation to provide much more up-to-date, and consequently more accurate, operational information in numerous critical areas.

One of these areas is port operations.

We live in a high tech world of electronic computers, earth satellites and space shuttles, and communications of astonishing sophistication. But some areas, such as port operations, have remained essentially low tech.

Ships do have radio, radar, and depth finders, it is true. But they are still dependent upon charts that give retrospective rather than actual data, tide tables that give predictive rather than actual data, binoculars to see and estimate the speed and direction of other traffic, and so on. Low tech, and sometimes rather inadequate.

We are thinking of some major improvements both in the technical and in the management aspects of harbor operations, aimed at making ports much more efficient places. We call this Project PORTS.

We are beginning with systems to provide real time tide and water level information to ships entering and leaving harbors. To these will be added data on currents, waves, and weather, and possibly ice information in northern latitudes.

We are also considering implementation of electronic display of digital nautical chart information. Chart information can be transmitted via telephone wire, or telemetry, or distributed in cassettes for display on cathode ray tubes aboard ship. Ultimately, perhaps, we will have an entirely electronic bridge, comparable to the instrument display in front of an airline pilot as he lets down to land.

We envision the day when a ship entering a harbor will display the appropriate nautical chart on a CRT screen on the bridge. Real time information on its exact position, channel markers, currents, and other data will also be displayed. The navigator will have a moving image of everything he needs for accurate and safe navigation under any conditions. NOAA will have a role in this, as will the local ports management and the private sector.

Deciding such a system would require the talents of chart makers, oceanographers, electronics engineers, managers of ports and harbors, and many others.

We have embarked on another, more immediate program to expand our services to the ocean community, through the establishment of an Ocean Service Center in Seattle. This center integrates the products and services of all NOAA's main components.

It provides one-stop shopping, if you will, for all the information we have, both real-time, such as weather, and retrospective, such as scientific publications, data bases or nautical charts. A major purpose of forming this center is to improve the quality of our products, and speed up their delivery to users.

Seattle was selected for the first center because it is home to the largest number of NOAA employees outside Washington, D.C. — representing all our main components. If the Seattle center works as well as we think it will, it will be the forerunner of others in ports around the Nation.

The kinds of information the Ocean Service Center has available include—Atmospheric and oceanographic warnings, forecasts, and analyses; Nautical charts, tide tables, current information, and the like; Marine environmental quality information; Fish marketing statistics; marine advisory services; Information on marine mammals; Status reports on special issues such as port development, ocean outfalls, and Regional Fishery Management Plans; Information on major natural events such as El Niño; Information on major man-made events such as oilspills; Access to NOAA and non-NOAA data bases.

Among other things, the model and data base of the Naval Oceanographic Data Distribution System — which originates from the Fleet Numerical Oceanography Center in Monterey, California — is now being incorporated in NOAA marine weather forecasts.

NODDS, as it is called, provides a suite of synoptic oceanographic and meteorological information including the present situation and prognostications in ocean areas. Its data sources include hundreds of Navy and other ships, fixed and floating buoys, satellites, and many other platforms.

NOAA took over funding for the commercial and non-Navy uses of NODDS last July 1. It is a great asset to our marine weather forecasting.

We are also in the early stages of developing synoptic global forecasts for the ocean which will be operational and will be disseminated through the ocean service centers.

Our ocean Service Center will not compete with private industry. This is fundamental to our philosophy and to our way of doing things. We will cooperate with business in identifying products and services that have viable commercial markets, and that the private sector can best exploit. We will cooperate and encourage transfer to the private sector in those cases.

I have mentioned that service is NOAA's number one job, and the Ocean Service Center concept is a major effort to improve our service. We conduct a great deal of research, ranging from very applied to quite basic studies of oceans and atmosphere, but all of it is related to our missions of service. There are a number of areas closely related to your interests.

I notice that your program included a full day session yesterday on El Niño, and another Friday on the Southern Oceans, which I might conjecture bears some relationship to El Niño. NOAA has of course monitored and conducted a great deal of research on that phenomenon — as you might expect, because of what it will tell us about long-range climate effects. But we have other interests, in quite different fields. Linkages.

We have economists, in our Assessment and Information Services Center. They are most interested in the economic effects of El Niño.

And biologists. Let me tell you about their interests.

A year or so ago three groups of NOAA scientists were studying somewhat different problems out on the west coast. Marine meteorologists were tackling a problem posed by the National Weather Service for improving ice forecast models in the Bering Sea. Some physical oceanographers were studying ocean circulation in the area . . . and some fishery biologists were studying fluctuations in the king crab population there. Their problem: Why had crab production plummeted from 140 million pounds in 1978 to about five million five years later?

Fortunately, the fisheries people looked to the others for help; the results of the three studies turned out to mesh extraordinarily well.

The meteorologists found that the position of the jet stream each year has a profound effect on storm tracks in the Bering Sea — sending them far up north, or along a southerly path, which influences the extent of the ice pack.

The oceanographers found that this wind-driven system also greatly influences ocean circulation.

The fishery biologists knew that king crabs release their eggs at the bottom, and that these float to the top as larvae and then, as juveniles, take about eight years to grow to the size where they enter the fishery. The juveniles feed on the large planktonic bloom that is normally found in the relatively unstratified warm top layer of the water.

As a multidisciplinary team, the three found that when storms hit the area, the water is thoroughly mixed, the normal large crabs have to search much further for food — which increases their exposure to predators. The biologists also think that the colder, more saline water is less conducive crab growth, but they don't yet know which characteristic, or combination of characteristics, is most important.

Enter El Niño.

Through the process known as teleconnection, effects of the southern oscillation that causes El Niño are transmitted to the northern hemisphere, bringing about a strong westerly flow at lower latitudes than normal. The semi-permanent low in the Gulf of Alaska is strengthened, leading to more intense disturbances whose effects are again transmitted to the ocean.

This is, of course, the change in storm paths that influence the extent of the ice pack, as I have mentioned.

The economic implications of this are tremendous. If we can know enough about these fluctuations to model them, we can predict them — far enough in advance, we hope, so that some day we will be able to give the king crab fishermen adequate warning to modify their boats to hunt another species during a season or so. All because, eight or nine years previously, the jet stream didn't follow its normal course. And this of course stimulates further inquiry. The conditions that may cause a decrease in the stock of king crab may be just right to cause an increase in other species. What species? If this hypothesis turns out to be true, and if we could find out the species, then we could also advise the fishermen, so they'd know how best to rig their boats.

We do know that last year's Southern Oscillation El Niño resulted in movement of many tropical species northward, including yellowtail, bonito, and barracuda.

From February to April of last year, barracuda were caught in Monterey Bay, bonito south of San Francisco, and two tropical species — pelagic cardina and Pacific barracuda — were found farther south than ever before observed.

We are continuing our studies of this problem, trying to take full advantage of all the linkages among various disciplines to address the problem of recruitment — which we are beginning to recognize as critical to the health of fish stocks. It is an area where physical scientists have much to contribute.

With respect to the climatological aspects of El Niño, an international research project — TOGA, for Tropical Ocean Global Atmosphere — is going to take place to explore the dynamics of the great ocean-air mass whence El Niño arises. It will be a decade-long experiment. The International Project Office will be established in NOAA, and field operations are scheduled to begin about January of 1985.

Additional light is being shed on the whole phenomenon of El Niño through work at our Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory. It has developed a coupled ocean-atmosphere model that simulates the amplification of modest initial perturbations during El Niño-Southern Oscillation events. The model reproduces the simultaneous growth of perturbations in the atmosphere and ocean.

A new model has also been developed there — in cooperation with the Army's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory — to study the interaction of sea-ice dynamics and the ocean circulation. It is a coupled ice-ocean model, and was tested out for the Arctic Ocean-Greenland Sea region, using winds derived from the First Global GARP Experiment to drive it.

Preliminary results allow a comparison between ice position with and without active currents in the ocean models. The effect of currents provides a much more realistic seasonal variation of ice front, as well as a simulation of the salinity gradients near the ice boundary frequently observed in polar oceans.

The growth of polar pack ice is traded both to the ambient air temperature and the strength of winds that deform the ice and control the amount of open leads and distribution of ice thickness. This coupled ice-ocean model will be carefully tested with the view of including it in a fully coupled global climate model.

One of GFDL's most important efforts is the study of climate variability by means of three coupled ocean-atmosphere mathematical models. The lab has recently completed an investigation of the transient response of climate to an increase of atmospheric concentration of CO_2. What they found was that the surface air temperatures over continents respond more quickly to an increase in CO_2 levels than does the corresponding surface temperature of the oceans, with their huge thermal inertia.

NOAA is studying the oceans in many ways, from modeling to physical oceanography to biology. NOAA scientists are also going to be carrying out investigations of subsea geology, both within and outside the EEZ. This will follow up previous research on polymetallic sulfides and seafloor spreading. We already mentioned the Seabeam work of Surveyor.

In July of this year, NOAA scientists will visit sites of active hydrothermal venting along the Juan de Fuca ridge in a series of Alvin dives. Geological, Geochemical, and biological samples will be taken.

Our Class I ship Researcher will do a multidisciplinary cruise to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in August for bottom dredging, water sampling, and photography.

And we aim to have bathymetric and tectonic maps of the Gorda and Juan de Fuca Ridges available in September. We are attempting to coordinate our activities in this area with the USGS and, through the National Science Foundation, with academic scientists. We are making progress, but not fast enough — for you or for me.

In addition to supporting Alvin dives, we have — as many of you know — a national undersea research network, operated for us by universities and available to qualified scientists of all disciplines. Of these, Hydrolab, located off St. Croix in the Virgin Islands, is the "old man of the sea" where habitats are concerned. It has been operational for many years and has proven immensely useful.

It is, incidentally, the only operating habitat system in the free world now used for scientific purposes.

Operated for us by Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hydrolab is in 15 meters of water, and supports four scientist-divers for a week. They can operate to depths of 50 meters, coring the reef and observing geologic and biological processes.

As part of this national network, we also support the two-man submersible Makali'i operated by the University of Hawaii and a two-man submersible operated by the University of Rhode Island.

Cover. Worldwide track chart of marine geophysical data held at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National, Geophysical Data Center (NCDC), Boulder, Colo. Data collected along these tracklines include gravity and magnetic field measurements, seismic profiles, bathymetry, and sidescansonar. More than 16 million km and more than 15 million digital data records from some 28 major governmental, academic, and private research institutions worldside are covered. All data are in the public domain. A computerized inventory and data-selection system called CEODAS (Geophysical Data System) is used at NCDC to identify and retrieve requested data from the digital or analog (microfilm, seismic cross-section, etc.) files. CEODAS is an interactive data management system with graphic capability (e.g., the cover illustration). Data may be selected by geographic area, specified data parameters, collecting institution, date, cruise, and several other possible criteria. Digital data selected by CEODAS are supplied in the MCD77 exchange format on magnetic tape; microfilm and "analog" seismic profile sheets are provided as one-to-one copies of their corresponding media. Further details on the MGG77 data exchange format, CEODAS, and other NCDC data services are available from NCDC, Code E/CG3, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80303. (Illustration prepared by Dan Metzger of NCDC.)

bile open diving bell system with surface support ship operated by the University of North Carolina.

A temperate water habitat is now under construction, to be operated for us by the University of Southern California. It will house six scientists for up to 30 days, at a maximum depth of 40 meters, with capability for the divers to go down as far as 65 meters.

And a fifth part of this national network is now being developed by the University of Connecticut, in support of undersea activities off the New England coast. The group is currently considering the appropriate kind of facility for the rigorous conditions of that area.

I am sure many of you will be interested in a major workshop on the status of NOAA's undersea activities, which will be held in May at the University of Connecticut facility at Avery Point. It will focus on present and future activities in all disciplines throughout our national undersea network, and we will be inviting major players from abroad as well as U.S. scientists.

I have adverted to the EEZ a couple of times in my remarks today, and I want to mention it once more in closing, to tell you of a forthcoming event that I hope you will join me in supporting: it is the Year of the Ocean, which will begin March 10 — the anniversary of the EEZ proclamation.

The Year of the Ocean is designed to accomplish three goals — to expand public awareness and knowledge of the importance of the ocean and its resources, to promote a sense of stewardship for them, and to foster a public/private partnership for wise use and management of ocean resources.

It is being run by a nonprofit Foundation created especially for the purpose, and is being funded by donations from industry and other interested groups.

You will be hearing a great deal more about the Year of the Ocean in forthcoming weeks, as programs are put together at both national and local levels. I look forward to your active participation.

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AGU Ocean Sciences Award: Feenan D. Jennings

The Ocean Sciences Section of the AGU recognizes Feenan D. Jennings' 25 years of excellent service and successful leadership in the ocean sciences community. He earned the B.S. degree at New Mexico State University (1950) and pursued graduate studies at Scripps and the University of California at Los Angeles. Feenan's career in marine research management began when he left his position as Senior Engineer at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1958 to become Head Oceanographer of the Geophysics Branch of ONR, a position he held until 1966. During his career with ONR, one of his additional duties was subsidement monitor for basic research funds earmarked for oceanography. This important function involved monitoring, reporting and helping to defend the expenditure of all oceanographic basic research funds spent by the Navy. He was also instrumental in formulating and carrying through a ten-year ship plan which resulted in the construction of most of the large oceanographic vessels now used by the U.S. academic community.

He became Deputy Director of ONR's Ocean Science and Technology Division (1966–1970) and then joined NSF as Head of the Office for the International Decade of Ocean Exploration, a position he held until 1978. IDOE was a new approach to multi-institutional, sometimes multidisciplinary, research, and it required skill, tact, patience, and considerable force to carry it through. Feenan's work as Head of IDOE was both arduous and superb. Under his leadership, the IDOE broadened its original scientific scope to include support for projects dealing with Living Resources. While at NSF, Feenan served for one year (1975–1976) as Acting Director of the Division of Ocean Sciences in addition to his IDOE post.

In 1978, he became Director of the Texas A&M University Sea Grant College Program, one of the largest in the nation. Since 1982, he has also served as Executive Director of the Texas A&M Office of University Research Services. The Sea Grant Association elected him its President for 1981. In that capacity, Feenan provided much needed leadership in presenting and defending the national Sea Grant budget to various elements in Washington.

He has served as a member or chairman of numerous national and international committees concerned with the planning and review of marine research, including the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (1970–1978), the U.S. Secretariat for US-USSR Agreement on Cooperation in World Ocean Studies (1973–1978), and the Blue Ribbon Committee of the Marine Technology Society (MTS). In 1981, he was named chairman of two committees of the National Academy of Sciences, one on Coastal Flooding from Hurricanes and the other on the DOE Regional Oceanography Review Panel. In 1983, he was appointed to the Texas Coastal and Marine Council by Governor Mark White.

Among his numerous awards and honors are the MTS Meritorious Service Award, designation as an MTS Fellow, the NSF Distinguished Service Award, Navy Meritorious Civilian Award, Navy Outstanding Service Award, Navy Superior Service Award, and the Military Oceanography Award (from the Oceanographer of the Navy).

In summary, Feenan Jennings is recognized as the "Paul Bunyan" of oceanographic research management: he had the foresight to break new ground, the integrity to seek quality in the research programs he sponsored, the wisdom to respond to the scientific community's needs and initiatives, the leadership to guide and support his program managers, and the requisite patience to deal with the tribes of principal investigators. For all of this, Feenan, accept our thanks.

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California Coastal Study

Under a contract recently awarded Raytheon Service Company by Minerals Management Services (MMS), the California Coastal Current system will be investigated over a 30 month period involving 18 months of field effort.

The study, under the guidance of Sig Larson, MMS COR, located in the Los Angeles POCS, is to gather a comprehensive data base aimed at describing the mesoscale dynamics in the nearshore region (to about 50 km offshore) where oil production and transport are most active for the near future. MMS is most anxious that the study be coordinated with any other studies of the region that will take place coincident with the MMS program. The design of the survey has been tied to the historical studies, particularly CALCOFI (California Cooperative Oceanic Fisheries Investigations), to enhance the understanding of variability within the scale of the features observed.

The study encompasses a region extending about 50 km offshore, reaching from Point Conception to San Francisco. The field effort is more concentrated in the southern portion. Between Point Conception and Point Buchon, a grid of hydro lines at 10 km intervals will have conductivity, temperature, and depth (CTD) stations at 20 km spacing with expendable bathythermograph traces (XBT's) at the midpoints to detail the mesoscale structure of the shelf waters. North of Buchon, the CTD spacing will continue at 20 km, and lines will coincide with historical CALCOFI lines. Surveys are scheduled for January, July, and October 1984 and January 1985. The intense sampling in the southern portion will be repeated twice in an 8 day period, providing two "snapshots" of a region where the changes in flow structure appear to be caused by a number of dynamic events superposed on an equatorward mean flow that varies seasonally.

Historically, studies have examined some parts of the region for description of the flow and the dynamic processes. B. M. Hickey [The California Current system: Hypothesis and facts, *Prog. Oceanogr., 8*, 191–279, 1979] has summarized these. Recent studies reported by C. N. K. Mooers [Initial results of the Optonia experiments, paper presented at the EDOC Conference, Lake Arrowhead, Calif., 1983] have described eddy structure with interfacial geostrophic "jets," Lagrangian trackers, in studies reported by R. Davis [Results of drogue tracking during code experiments, paper presented at CALCOFI conference, Idyllwilde, Calif., 1983], have seemingly been caught in very high speed (greater than 1 knot) offshore surface flows (described as "squirts". The name fits the high speed, narrow, limited extent (200 km) and duration (2 days) of the features as observed by the drogue experiments. Larger scale, more permanent, nearshore, high-speed currents are a regular feature of the region epitomized by the well known Davidson Current appearing in the winter months as a poleward flowing surface feature.

Eleven mooring locations (with vector averaging current meters in the near surface levels, Aanderaa meters below the near surface wave activity, and bottom pressure sensors at five moorings) will be located through the area on lines coincident with hydro survey lines. Eighteen months of data from the moored instruments will provide observation of speed/direction, temperature, and conductivity that can be interpreted in conjunction with the hydrographic cross-sectional profiles.

Lagrangian surface drifting devices will be released during each hydro survey in two modes: (1) on three standard lines along hydro-survey lines as a complement to the hydro and moored instruments data and (2) seeded in specific features that are identified from satellite imagery. Satellite imagery and 4° gridded sea surface temperatures will be acquired daily on a regular and continuing basis during the 18 month field program for the overview analysis of the surface dynamics. During tracking studies, the imagery will be analyzed in near real time to furnish direction to the seeding and tracking aircraft. With luck, the data from the hydrographic survey, the moored instruments, and the tracking efforts will combine to provide a detailed description, in space and time of the dynamic events in the intensively measured region. Additional data to be acquired as part of the study will include hourly winds, temperature, pressure, relative humidity, and diurnal wave spectra from the NDBC buoys (furnished by Global Weather Dynamics, Inc., Monterey, Calif.); hourly winds, temperature, and pressure from nearly 20 near-coastal weather reporting stations (from Global Weather Dynamics, Inc., Monterey, Calif.); synoptic reports including shoreside stations and ships of opportunity; calculated winds, wind stress, wind stress curl, Ekman drift, meridional transport on a 1° grid, derived from surface pressure distribution the calculations follow the technique of Bakun (furnished by Global Weather Dynamics, Inc., Monterey, Calif.; water level data from National Ocean Survey station locations from Oregon to the Mexican border; and historical and current CALCOFI data for the alongshore region including Santa Barbara Channel to San Francisco and offshore to the limit of the survey lines (furnished by National Marine Fisheries-Southwest, Ronald Lynn.)

Close coordination between this program and the CALCOFI program has been assured by exchange of information on survey design and schedules. This is a CALCOFI year, and a major effort involving some seven surveys between January and September will establish the large-scale structure. Overlap of the two programs occurs in the nearshore region. Further, increased effort by the CALCOFI vessel, *Jordan*, in the MMS area of interest during the March survey will fill the gap in the MMS survey schedule creating a uniform seasonal sampling pattern. Two or three of the nearshore CALCOFI stations on a number of lines will be occupied by both parties promoting comparability of the two data sets.

The two programs take place in a time when the El Niño conditions may be in a declining state; thus the opportunity to capture the transition and, through comparison of the observed state to historically observed conditions, gain an exciting insight into the nature of changes induced by the El Niño, makes this cooperation doubly rewarding.

Efforts to coordinate the study with other studies or programs in the region or in bordering regions have thus far resulted in an exchange of data and results with the OPUS and Santa Barbara Channel programs. For the Santa Barbara Channel program the availability of imagery will be a benefit in operations and planning. Other investigators planning operations in the region during 1984–1988 are encouraged to contact the program management at Raytheon in Ventura to explore the benefits that may derive from a liason. Data will, of course, be available through the National Oceanic Data Center as quickly as it can be processed to meet their delivery requirements; but early access may be beneficial to investigations aimed at explicit short-lived features.

The program manager is Robert J. Tait, Raytheon Service Company, 5136 Ralston Street, Ventura, CA 93003, telephone (805) 656-2550.

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Dr. Michael D. Smolen
National Water Quality Evaluation Project
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Those interested should send a letter of application, resume, three letters of recommendation to: Arnold J. Silverman, Chairman, Department of Geology, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. The DEADLINE for applications is May 15, 1984.

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To apply, send a resume and with names of three references to: Mrs. Harriet Smith, STAR Laboratory, SEL, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305.

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To be eligible, candidates must have a minimum of a graduate degree and some research experience/knowledge in an appropriate field. Some appointments may be made for the summer of 1984. Applications may be submitted at any time prior to August 1984 so early application is encouraged. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Application, Appointment Application and information and application [illegible] Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139, phone (800) 392-6[illegible]. SCEEE supports Equal Opportunity Employment.

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Applicants should send a resume and have three letters of reference forwarded by May 15 to:

Geochemistry Staffing Committee
Department of Terrestrial Magnetism
5241 Broad Branch Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Howard University/Graduate Assistantships in Geosciences. Howard University in Washington, D.C. offers a new graduate program for the M.S. degree in Geoscience, made possible by a grant from the Gulf Oil Company. Areas of specialization are field geology/geophysics, geochemistry, and meteorology/hydrology with remote sensing. Some stipends and assistantships are available. Potential students should write to Dr. Eric Christofferson, Department of Geology and Geography, Howard University, Wash., D.C. 20059.

GEOPHYSICIST

Faculty position in Seismology/New Mexico Tech. New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology invites applications for a tenure-track position in Seismology at the Assistant Professor level. The PhD is required. The position is a joint appointment with the College Division of the Geophysical Research Center in the Research and Development Division. New Mexico Tech has had instructional and research programs in Geophysics for 3 decades, and conducts BS, MS, and PhD degrees in the field of Geophysics. Much of the geophysical research has been, and continues to be, related to the determination of the physical characteristics of the Rio Grand Rift a major continental rift in which Tech is located. We currently operate a 14 station seismograph network (jointly with the U.S.G.S.), as well as a 3-component long-period station. In addition, studies of the crust and upper-mantle structure are underway with portable seismograph systems using both earthquake and explosive sources. The geophysics staff and instructional program are part of the 16-member Geoscience Department, which also includes the disciplines of Geology, Geochemistry and Hydrology. The instructional and research activities of the Department are strengthened substantially by professional staff in the New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources, and by support groups in the Research and Development Division. In addition, several of the Tech staff have collaborative research projects with personnel from the nearby Sandia National Laboratory (Albuquerque) and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Send letter of application, resume, and a brief description of teaching and research interests to: Allan R. Sanford, Geoscience Department, New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM 87801.

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James J. O'Brien: New JGR Editor

A quality journal results from good scientific work written up well by contributors and from good reviewers sifting out the best papers, according to James J. O'Brien, one of the new editors for the *Journal of Geophysical Research*. O'Brien, professor of meteorology and oceanography at Florida State University, began his 4-year term on January 1 as editor of the journal section emphasizing oceanography and boundary layer meteorology.

O'Brien, who succeeds A. D. Kirwan, Jr., has been receiving manuscripts since October.

One change that the new editor has instituted is that an author can submit a paper directly to one of the associate editors instead of sending it to O'Brien. If the associate editor is willing to act as the editor for a particular manuscript, then O'Brien will accept that. In addition to saving time, this change will enable the associate editors to apply their expertise in various fields in establishing appropriate criteria for quality in different disciplines.

Another change that O'Brien has made affects the journal's content. While the previous editor accepted papers dealing with properties of ice on the entire planet (in the sea or on the land), O'Brien plans to accept only those papers concerned with the physics of sea ice. Papers concerning ice on land should be sent to the section of JGR emphasizing research on the solid earth.

O'Brien hopes to decrease the time between manuscript submission and acceptance without sacrificing quality. To do this, the new editor has instituted a system whereby a prospective reviewer is telephoned to ascertain that the candidate reviewer has the time to review the paper. With this system, O'Brien hopes to keep the time from submission to acceptance to under 6 weeks. All JGR editors have adopted this procedure.

Originally trained as a chemist (he received a B.S. in chemistry from Rutgers University) and a meteorologist (he received an M.S. and a Ph.D. in meteorology from Texas A&M University), O'Brien's current research specialties are in upwelling processes and in satellite oceanography. He has served on many committees and boards on these topics. For example, he was chairman of the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Computer Resources for Oceanography in the 1980's (1980–1981) and of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Satellite Surface Stress Committee (1981–1982).

Among the experiences that have most helped him to edit the journal was his stint as program director of physical oceanography in the Office of Naval Research from 1974 to 1976. "In that job I had to make decisions and help to make decisions on the entire spectrum of oceanographic and meteorological research," he said. "Perhaps the most valuable part of the job was the required visits to oceanographic institutions to meet the researchers," O'Brien noted. "By knowing all those people, I'm able to easily identify potential reviewers, he added."

O'Brien takes a keen interest in his students. In the last dozen years, he has advised 12 Ph.D. recipients in meteorology and oceanography; he currently is advisor to six graduate students and runs a large research group, called the Mesoscale Air-Sea Interaction Group. He said he will also look to young people to help him with the journal. "Both in choosing reviewers and in choosing associate editors, I hope to bring bright, young scientists to help me with the editorial process."

An avid fisherman, O'Brien said he's starting a second career as a writer on outdoor sports fishing. His first article, entitled "Nighterawler Secrets in the South," will be published in the April issue of *Fishing Facts*. Other hobbies include stamp collecting.

Suggestions, questions, comments, and manuscripts should be addressed to O'Brien, JGR-Oceans, P.O. Box 2173, Tallahassee, FL 32316.—*BTR*

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Hydrology Days Update

The *AGU Front Range Branch "Hydrology Days"* symposium will be held April 24–26, 1984, at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. (*Eos*, November 22, 1983, p. 950.)

A total of 85 student and professional papers have been selected for presentation on such topics as sand transport over cobbles; modeling the hydrology of flat, high water-table watersheds; mass transport in overland flow; catchment infiltration models from mathematical soil physics; computer simulation of the movement of water and salt in a hillslope; changes in hydrologic regimen of a disturbed watershed due to urbanism; the role rel water quality in impact assessments; and augmenting reservoir yields using interbasin transfers.

A number of luncheon and banquet talks are also scheduled. John Breidenhoeft of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will speak on the subject of "Water Management: Who are the Managers?" at a luncheon on the meeting's first day. On day two there will be another luncheon talk (speaker to be announced) and a banquet speech by Robert C. Averett of USGS on "Hydrologic Research: Meeting Future Needs."

For more information, a complete program, and registration materials, contact H. J. Morel-Seytoux, Department of Civil Engineering, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523; telephone: 303-491-5148.4

Meeting Report

1984 Ocean Sciences Meeting

Attendees at the 1984 Ocean Sciences Meeting found New Orleans to be a very hospitable, convention, and delightful city to hold a conference, and the Fairmont Hotel to be an excellent meeting facility. There were 1100 attendees with a little over 700 papers presented. Change to the program and additional, late, and revised abstracts are printed below.

Papers Not Presented

11E-02, T. L. Clarke et al.; 11E-06, C. B. Officer et al.

12A-01, R. J. Gibbs and L. Konwar; 12A-10, S. M. Pelowski and D. T. Long; 12C-06, G. J. Warren; 12D-02, C. Stallings and J. G. Rueter, Jr.; 12D-10, S. L. Shiff et al.; 12E-01, M. Weydert and F. N. Spiess; 12E-15, C. E. Dentham; 12F-09, C. S. Smyth and R. W. Sternberg.

21A-11, D. J. Terrell and J. G. Mitchell; 21B-02, J. R. Strickler and E. C. Hing Fay; 21C-03, P. Cloersen and P. S. Schopf; 21C-08, R. P. Stumpf; 21E-06, F. D. Carsey and G. G. Pihos.

22A-08, T. S. Bianchi et al.; 22C-09, D. Blasco et al.; 22E-09, E. Swift et al.; 22F-04, P. Stegmann et al.

31C-01, W. G. Harrison and L. R. Harris; 31C-07, W. K. W. Li; 31D-05, D. W. Blake; 31D-10, C. M. Seay and J. D. Thompson; 31E-01, C. A. Hegley and G. R. Goldman; 31E-04, J. C. Zieman et al.; 31F-15, R. H. Boorke et al.

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41B-07, D. Deibel; 41C-14, R. Weyer and P. Cornilius; 41D-05, R. W. Flint; 41D-06, U. Ronner.

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51A-01, D. A. Stow; 51A-13, F. Schlosser et al.; 51A-14, D. J. Piepgras and G. J. Wasserburg.

52C-04, C. S. Weiler; 52C-10, J. La Roche; 52C-12, R. A. Hough et al.; 52D-04, R. E. Wilson and K-C Wong; 52D-05, D. G. Redalje et al.; 52D-08, G. S. E. Lagerloef and G. A. Gannon.

Late and Revised Abstracts

11B-17

Variability of Physical and Chemical Properties Along a Western Atlantic Oceanographic Section (24°–33°N, 70°W) During April, 1977

CURTIS C. BOHRER [Evans-Hamilton, Inc; Seattle, WA 98188]

Water properties (temperature, salinity, oxygen, light scattering, silicate, phosphate, nitrate, tritium) were measured along 70°W between 24°–33°N during April, 1977. Maps of 150-m depth in the Gulf Stream recirculation Zone show that the section intersected a warm-core eddy (ARM an eponym) containing a water mass of newly formed 18° water. In the vicinity of the eddy the Gulf Stream Return Flow was locally intensified as a strong baroclinic shear. The slope was uniform between the water masses and the sea floor, and the volume transport equalled a large fraction of historical estimates for the Return Flow.

Fluctuations (anomalies) of water properties were examined on isopycnals. The ratio (R) of measurable signal to measurement error varied with water property and position in the water column. The highest ratios were: personal perception, salinity (R = 19); 18° water, silicate (R = 9); main thermocline, nitrate (R = 10); North Atlantic Deep Water, silicate (R = 5); and Antarctic Bottom Water, silicate (R = 5).

Decay constants were evaluated throughout the water column, including: many examples of various properties concentrated in a vertical band in the upper 2 km of the ocean; a sustained anomaly in the strong isopycnal slope between properties of 18.0–18.2σ; a small thermostad (200 m x 30 km) embedded in the main thermocline; and a thermostad in the Antarctic Bottom Water having a dynamic signal in the lower half of the water column. The origins of selected anomalies were estimated to be at distances of several thousand kilometers from the oceanographic section.

11B-15

Physical and Numerical Parameter Dependencies in Oil Slick Simulations

R.D. Reasat, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Several series of numerical experiments using the Fickian Eddy Diffusion model are described. Heavy wave simulations over a range of spatial and temporal resolution parameters have been carried out to characterize the model's numerical stability. A study of the effect of adaptive titration of different eddy diffusivity application is also presented. The stability relationship and filtering results are used to investigate the physical parameter dependency in physically realistic simulations. The physical parameters varied are the non-dimensional Reynolds number and mean advection.

11B-17

Evolution of Sea Surface Temperature Patterns for POLYMODE during the Winter 1977-1978 based on Satellite and Ship Data

GEORGE A. MAUL and NICHOLAS J. BRAVO (NOAA, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory, Miami, Florida 33149)

Thermal infrared data from the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite were least squares fitted to *in situ* sea surface temperatures to produce maps at ten day intervals. Extensive cloudiness during December 1977, January and February 1978, caused numerous areal data gaps, and limited the accuracy to 1.3 K. A composite mean map for the ninety day study period reproduces the Gulf Stream and the subtropical convergence; standard deviation about the mean also variability in agreement with the POLYMODE eddy field. Ten day composite maps using GOES data only are usually too goppy to be objectively contoured. Combining the satellite and ship temperature into ten day composite maps would considerably improve the coverage and produce maps more in concert with the low frequency variability represented in the area by other measurements.

11F-791

Backscatter to Extinction Ratios of Marine Aerosols: Theory and Observations

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[illegible] the ratio of backscattering to extinction coefficients of aerosols has been calculated for a number of model systems. The results are presented in the form of plots of the ratio as a function of the refractive index of the particles. Values of the ratio for a number of materials of interest in aerosol studies are tabulated. Experimental measurements of the ratio for a number of aerosols are also presented. The experimental values are in good agreement with the theoretical predictions.

Meetings (cont. from p. 133)

Travel Funds to Spring Meeting Available to Foreign Graduate Students

Grants of up to $250 are available to foreign graduate students studying in the U.S. for travel to the AGU Spring Meeting, May 14–18 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The funds, a grant from the Short-Term Enrichment Program (STEP) of the U.S. Information Agency, are available to full-time foreign graduate students who are not receiving ANY U.S. government funds. Students in refugee, immigrant or tourist visa status are not eligible.

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...regions have large sulfur emissions and frequently active cumulonimbus convection. This source, however, should contribute mainly to upper-tropospheric SO_2. Other chemical implications are that tropospheric *OH* may depend critically on hydrogen peroxide levels as well as the hydrocarbon and nitrogen oxide cycles. Cloud transport may play an important role in these cycles. The hydroxyl radical concentration depends as much on assumptions regarding *HOOH* reaction and transport as it does on *NO* levels.
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...is not consistent with recent long-term current measurements that show the water there moves westward along the Bank isobaths. The measurements made by Bigelow are reviewed to show that a Gulf Stream ring was located south of the bank during his observations and that the ring was likely entraining water off of Georges Bank, consistent with Bigelow's conclusions. (Circulation, Georges Bank, Gulf Stream rings).
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